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Sir:


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,442,538 granted on August 27, 2002 to Nojima;
2. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0025079 published on February 28, 2002 to Kuwata et al.;
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,389,181 granted on May 14, 2002 to Shaffer et al.;

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4. U.S. Patent No. 6,396,963 granted on May 28, 2002 to Shaffer et al.;
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,459,824 granted on October 1, 2002 to Lee et al.;
6. U.S. Patent No. 7,031,965 granted on April 18, 2006 to Moriya et al.;
7. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-259832, dated September 22, 2000; and
8. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2002-176619, dated June 21, 2002, together with English language abstract.

References 1-2 were cited in an Office Action dated October 3, 2007 received in a related U.S. Patent Application, namely U.S. Serial No. 10/506,091. Please note that the other references cited in the Office Action were previously cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated October 19, 2007 in the present application. References 3-6 were cited in an Office Action dated September 2, 2008 received in the related U.S. Patent Application. References 7-8 were incorrectly cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated November 29, 2004. Please remove the incorrect citations from the record and replace them with the correct citations attached herewith. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii) together with a copy of the Office Actions.

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